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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 62-135982, published June 18, 1987 with English Abstract.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 6-20035, published January 28, 1994 with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 63-21233, published May 6, 1988.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 5-225345, published September 3, 1993.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

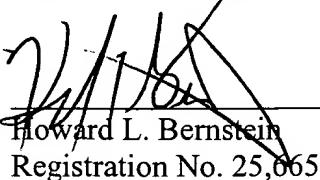
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